

LOCAL AND DISTRICT

Rev. Father Hayes.
Rev. Father Hayes, O. C. St. John's, has been interred for duty at St. Munchin's College.

Dipping News.
SS "Rosbank" is at present in port discharging a cargo of Whitehaven coals consigned to W. H. Wens, Dock Yard.

Next Limerick Executive.
The usual monthly meeting of the East Limerick Executive of the U. I. L. will be held at Kilallick on Wednesday.

Death of Sheep.
Six sheep, the property of Mr. Patrick Gubbins, Green-street, Nenagh, were recently destroyed by dogs on his farm at Gur landroo.

Commissioners of Oaths.
Messrs M. D. McCoy, and Wm. E. Counihan, solicitors, Limerick, have been appointed by the Lord Chancellor Commissioners of Oaths.

Matrimonial.
The engagement of Miss Clare O'Brien (half-sister to Lord Inchiquin) and Major Noel Corry, heir to the late Lord Rowten, is announced.

Discharged.
A man named Lynch, who was charged with drunkenness at the City Police Court on Saturday morning, was discharged by Mr. E. F. Hickson, R.M.

Promotion.
Mr. Thomas Freeman, senior sorting clerk and telegraphist at Clonmel Post Office, has been promoted to the Postmaster's Office, Enfield, Co. Meath.

Alderman Joyce, M.P.
Alderman Joyce, M.P., addressed a meeting held in the Finsbury Town Hall, London, under the auspices of the United Irish League, on Saturday night.

Infant's Sad Death.
An infant named Christina Reidy, aged thirteen months, who was admitted to Barrington's Hospital on the 12th inst., suffering from burns caused by her frock taking fire at the fire place, has succumbed to the injuries she received.

Fishing in Castletown.
On Doonagh, Mr. G. C. Williams killed 4 salmon, 30, 29, 35, 14 lbs. On Hermitage Mr. W. C. Jones killed 1 salmon, 10 lbs. On Newgarden Mr. Piers Jones killed 2 salmon, 14, 23 lbs. On the Eriagh fishery Mr. A. Mackey's fishermen killed one salmon, 21 lbs.

Nenagh Church.
A beautiful high altar, the gift of Mr. Martin Corbett, Nenagh, has just been completed in St. Mary's of the Rosary, and adds considerably to the appearance of the sacred edifice. The best thanks of the people of the town are due to Mr. Corbett for his magnificent gift.

New Deputy Lieutenants.
The Earl of Montalt, H. M. Lieutenant of the County of Tipperary, has appointed Lieutenant-Colonel Solomon Watson, of Ballingrane, Clonmel, and Captain Andrew M. Carden, of Barnane, Tipperary, Deputy Lieutenants for said county. Both Commissions dated the 6th April, 1904.

Cautioned.
At the City Police Court on Saturday morning a young fellow named Richard Whelan was charged with assaulting his grandmother, Mrs. Jane Fitzgerald, Henry-street. Mr. Hickson, R.M., who presided, cautioned the defendant, and adjourned the case against him for three months.

Saint Joseph's Church.
The new church of St. Joseph, Military Road, is, as already stated, to be opened for Divine Service on Sunday, 24th inst., the Feast of the patronage of the Saint. His Grace the Archbishop of Cashel, Dr. Fennelly, will preside at the High Mass, commencing at noon, and the preacher will be the bishop, Most Rev. Dr. O'Dwyer.

Limerick (No. 2) District Council.
At the adjourned meeting of the Limerick (No. 2) District Council on Saturday, several applications by the County Surveyor for roads were passed, but a number of applications, on notices of motion, for new works, were by a majority of the board adjourned for six months, in consequence of the badness of the past season.

"Storming the Town."
At the last Newport Petty Sessions two young men named Maher and Mack, were charged with being drunk and disorderly. Constable Fenton, who prosecuted, said that the defendants thought to take the town by a storm, jostling and pushing every one they came in contact with. Mack was fined £1 and costs, and Maher in a lesser sum.

Votes of Condolence.
At a meeting of the Limerick Bread Vanmen's Society, on the proposition of Mr. J. O'Brien, seconded by Mr. M. Namara, a vote of condolence was passed with Mr. R. Maun on the death of his late lamented mother. On the proposition of Mr. Keating, seconded by Mr. E. O'Donnell, a similar vote was passed with Mr. M. Dunbar on the death of his beloved wife, who died last week.

Motor Car Agency.
At the meeting of the Tipperary (No. 2) District Council on Saturday a discussion took place with reference to the proposal of the Limerick County Council to provide motor cars for some of their officers. Some of the members present spoke in favour of recommending to the County Council the advisability of obtaining the motor cars through Mr. Michael Quinlan, D. C. Reisk, Fallsgrange, who is agent for a southern firm.

Presentation to a Bank Official.
A representative and influential public meeting for the purpose of presenting to Mr. Richard Bradley, Manager of the Clonmel Branch of the National Bank, with a suitable testimonial on his retirement from the position in May next, was held in the Town Hall, Clonmel, on Saturday. It was decided that the subscription list be kept open until the end of June next. A sum of £35 19s was subscribed before the meeting terminated.

Rathkeale Quarter Sessions.
The business of the Rathkeale Quarter Sessions was opened to day by his Honor Judge Adams. There was only one criminal case, that of assault, listed for hearing. The civil business is heavy, including 230 cases figuring on the list. These include 173 civil bills, 58 of which are defended; 21 ejectments, 19 land cases, 2 malicious injury claims, 6 appeals, 2 licensing applications, 6 equity suits, and 2 applications to arrest recognizances.

Attendance of Members.
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RUSSO-JAPANESE CONFLICT.

THE LATE MARINE DISASTER.

RUSSIAN AND JAPANESE VERDICTS.

Big Army Concentration.

(P. A. War Special.)
ST. PETERSBURG, MONDAY.

Advices state that some Japanese torpedo boat destroyers, acting as scouts, appeared in Korea Bay on the 12th inst. They were received by a heavy fire from the land batteries, Takushan, Tohington, Tohanbe, and Bedzino. They subsequently retired on flagships. Admiral Togo, who gave orders recalling nine transports on their way to land troops for Pingyang, Squadron of ten vessels protecting transports subsequently disappeared with them. A Russian force of 20,000 men is concentrated at Takushan.

In Difficulties—The late Marine Disaster.

PARIS, MONDAY.

A despatch to the *Echo de Paris* from St. Petersburg says General Kuropatkin has sent the Tsar a telegram reporting that continuous rains render marches across Manchuria exceedingly difficult, and operations have been suspended until the weather improves. An inquiry held at Port Arthur, it is added, has led to the belief that the sinking of the *Petropavlovsk* was due to the explosion of the cylindrical boilers. The steam suddenly rose to an unusual height. Two successive explosions occurred.

Togo's Version.

Admiral Togo's version, according to which he laid the mines without attracting attention of the Russians, is not accepted, seeing that the explosion occurred quite close to the harbour. The authorities at Port Arthur will not admit that the Japanese could have come so near to the entrance.

Proposed Russian Loan.

A diplomatist, who enjoys the confidence of the Tsar, has, says a St. Petersburg telegram to the *Petit Parisien*, declared in an interview that his Majesty had formally opposed the idea of raising a new Russian loan abroad. The Tsar himself possesses in a single foreign bank belonging to a country which has shown little sympathy with Russia of late, a private fortune of nearly eighty million pounds. He has asked to have it withdrawn, and this will be done within a month if Russia needs money. The Tsar will lend her his eighty millions without interest or security, to be paid at the convenience of the borrower.

GERALD GRIFFIN MEMORIAL.

Proposed City Collection.

The following is a copy of a circular just issued to the members of the Gerald Griffin Centenary Memorial Committee:

Town Hall April 10th.
DEAR SIR:—A meeting of the above Committee was held in the Town Hall on Friday, 8th inst., the Right Worshipful Councillor Donnelly, Mayor, presiding, the following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr. Ambrose Hall, J.P., seconded by Alderman M. Joyce, M.P.:—That we hereby suggest that at least three members of the Committee be appointed to collect each Ward, and that we request the Secretaries to communicate with all the members asking them to say what Wards they would assist at, and the time they would be able to commence. We should, therefore, be pleased if you would kindly let us know at your earliest convenience if you are prepared to act as above suggested, so that arrangements may be made without delay for a general collection through the city in aid of the Memorial Fund—Faithfully yours,
Wm. M. Nolan, Secy.
Geo. MacDonagh, Hon. Secy.

THE ARCH-CONFRATERNITY.

Close of the April Retreat.

Amid a scene of much solemnity and religious fervour the week's retreat for the men attached to the St. John's Division of the Arch-Confraternity came to a close last night with a renewal of Baptismal Vows. The apostle, as the men rose from their seats, each holding aloft a lighted candle, echoing the pledges given by the preacher, was one not easily forgotten, one perhaps not to be witnessed in any other portion of the world. This year the Retreat was conducted by Rev. Father Somers, C. S. S. R., Esker, Co. Galway. His characteristics as a great missionary were borne out by the immense numbers who filled the church to its utmost capacity morning after morning and evening after evening, attracted to the House of God by their allegiance to their beloved Confraternity and his fervid eloquence. Yesterday morning Mass was celebrated at 8 o'clock by the Lord Bishop, most Rev. Dr. O'Dwyer. The grand total of 2,552 approached the Communion rails. This in itself surpasses all retreats hitherto held, and testifies to the deep religious feelings of the men and the impression created on them during the week. To-night the Retreat for the men of St. Michael's Division opens at the usual hour.

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PROTESTANT BISHOP OF LIMERICK ON THE SITUATION.

More Exaggeration.

At a meeting of the Protestant Synod in Dublin on Friday, Dr. Bunbury, Protestant Bishop of Limerick, delivered the following speech:—He said he should like to avail of this opportunity of making a statement about the persecution of the Jews in Limerick. The papers had laid before them to a very considerable extent the circumstances of this persecution. Now, he spoke from information he had received from the head of the Jewish community in Limerick. He had had communication with him, and had put before him the accusations that were brought by the enemies of the Jews, and asked him to explain these things, and he had done so. As the Synod was aware, this persecution originated in the fulminations that a priest uttered from the pulpit, and his lordship understood from the best authority that this priest continued to excite his people, and that he read from the pulpit extracts from French publications, which described the Jews as great enemies to the Christian religion, in France particularly (cries of "shame"), and stated that whenever the opportunity offered they showed the greatest possible disrespect to the emblems of the Roman Catholic Church. The Jews of Limerick numbered, he thought, on the whole about 200 persons, about 25 families in all, and they in the legitimate course of trade sold articles of apparel and such like things to country people, giving them credit, and accepting payment by instalments. Now, it was said that the Jews charged immense profits on these goods, but the head of the Jewish community in Limerick said that they did not charge one single sixpence more on their goods than the respectable shopkeepers of Limerick (applause). The Jews bought from wholesale houses, and they made merely the legitimate profits allowed by these wholesale houses (applause). Another accusation brought against them was that they went into country districts, that when they found the head of the house, the husband or the wife, absent they persuaded the children or the servants to accept goods, saying that they would call again for the money. One particular article was mentioned in this connection—namely, tea, which it was said the Jews left at houses in one pound parcels, charging 3s. 6d. for an article that was worth only about one shilling. A lady had told him that the accusation was a good foundation, and he asked the head of the Jewish community what was true. His reply was, "The Jews never did anything of the sort, because they don't deal in tea at all" (loud applause). That was a complete answer to the charge. The persons who went about the country were quite a different body of retailers, who were called tea men. The persecution was very severe. He did not think there had ever been a case of boycotting more severe than the boycotting of the Jews at present in Limerick. He had asked his informant what would be the consequence of it all, pointing out that money for their assistance had been collected from Jews in London, and that assistance would be obtained from other places. The reply was that the Jews would be obliged to leave Limerick, as some of them were at present really in want of the necessities of life (shame). At present they were not allowed to sell an article of their trade, and the money which country people owed them they could not recover. They did not bring actions for the recovery of this money; they were most forbearing in their dealings, they were willing to accept small instalments, spread over a considerable period of time. Despite all this they were hooted and assailed in the streets, and when summonses were issued and the defendants appeared in court the magistrates did not deal properly with the offenders. That very day a case was before the magistrates in which some persons were charged with assaulting the Rabbi, a gentleman who was highly esteemed by all who knew him. He was assailed by some rowdies in the Limerick and severely hurt, and one of the offenders had been caught. Two circumstances about these persecutions filled his lordship with astonishment. First, why the superiors of this priest should allow him to go on in this way when they could silence him by a word. Another cause of surprise to them was the way the Government were treating this matter (applause). He was fully justified in saying that the respectable Roman Catholic laymen in Limerick were entirely opposed to this persecution (applause). He might mention that, in connection with the Catholic Association which, as far as he knew, had done Protestants no harm in Limerick, the influence of the better class of Roman Catholics in Limerick was so strong that he did not anticipate the Association would ever do them any harm there. On the contrary, he thought it had done them good (applause).

THE JEWISH SIDE.

Letter from the Rabbi.

The Rev. E. B. Levin, Minister, Limerick Hebrew Congregation, 18, O'Connell-street, Limerick, writes us as follows:—

TO THE EDITOR OF THE LIMERICK LEADER.

Limerick, April 17th, 1904.

SIR:—As you dragged my name in your columns of last Friday, quoting a letter which I wrote to the *Jewish Chronicle*, evidently with the desire of blinding the respectable class of Catholics of Limerick, whom I know to be in real sympathy with us in connection with the attacks and boycotting of the Jews in this ancient city. Sir, I hereby beg to declare that every word written by my pen above my signature is true, without any exaggeration, and have nothing therefore to withdraw. We (the Hebrew Congregation) obeyed for over two months the request of the Roman Catholic authorities, who requested us to stop the Press controversy, piously hoping that the same authorities will call to order the reverend preacher who is daily inciting the poor innocent people against us. But in vain! We therefore come to the conclusion, if we are to suffer for our religion, like our ancestors did, well known in the history of all nations, let us at least not perish in silence, let our names be inscribed in the bloody civilization and tolerance of Limerick of the twentieth century. No mistake, of Limerick of the twentieth century. For your able aid, deserve to be congratulated for your able aid published on the above date, for the skillfulness of playing the game of the wolf in the sheep's skin. In conclusion, let me say that I heartily join your lamentation of not having had a Catholic magistrate on the bench of the Court whilst the case of assaulting me was at hearing. But what about the Jews, who never have anybody on the bench to watch their interest? Now, if it be true that the *LEADER* cannot be accused of being an organ that countenances bigotry or persecution on the part of any class, I am sure you will be good enough to insert in your next issue my present communication, for which I am thanking you in anticipation.—I remain, yours truly,
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Mr. M. Ryan remarked it had been stated that Nationality was dying out of rural life in Ireland. This looked like it. This was a Nationalist Council.

Mr. English—We are very glad that Mr. Ryan is a Nationalist.

Mr. Michael Quinlan said that he would go, and suggested that the Chairman should also attend the Convention.

The Chairman said he could not go, but would put down the name of Mr. Michael Cunningham instead.

Mr. M. Ryan—I will object to your putting down Mr. Cunningham's name when he is not present. He might not go.

Chairman—if he does not I will go myself.

The names of Messrs Michael Quinlan and Michael Cunningham were then taken down as those deputed by the Council to attend the Convention.

COTTAGE RENTS.
Mr. M. Ryan, in accordance with notice of motion, moved, "that the rents of labourers' cottages be reduced by 4s. 10d. per year, amount of the rates allowable in the standard year, the reduction to take place from 31st March, 1904." He said there was no necessity for him to make a speech about it, as they all understood the matter. General dissatisfaction prevailed at present about the rent collection.

Mr. Murnane—No collector could manage that.

Mr. English—Will it complicate the accounts though.

Mr. M. Ryan—No, it will come out even. Will the L.G. Board sanction it.

Clerk—It would be much more simple if they did.

The resolution was adopted, the following order having been made. That 5s. a year, or 5d. per month, be allowed in order not to complicate the accounts.

SERIOUS COMPLAINT.

AGAINST CO. LIMERICK SOLICITOR.

CASE BEFORE THE LORD CHANCELLOR.

On Saturday, before the Lord Chancellor, in the matter of a solicitor of the Supreme Court of Judicature in Ireland and the Solicitors (Ireland) Act, Mr. Matheson, K.C. (instructed by Mr. Wakely, Secretary of the Incorporated Law Society), brought the matter before the Court in reference to a complaint that had been made to the Society in respect of Mr. Francis Maloney, a solicitor, who lately resided at Rathkeale, in the county of Limerick, with regard to the non-payment of a sum of £20 18s. 9d. alleged to have been received by him on behalf of the late O'Connor as a debt due to the estate of the late O'Connor, a publican. Counsel said that the money had been received by the solicitor about the year 1895, and during '96 and '97, and had not yet been paid to Mr. O'Connor. It was only in January last that the complaint was made to the society. Mr. O'Connor had since accepted from the solicitor a bill for the amount of the claim, the bill being secured by himself and two sureties, and the complainant now wished to withdraw the complaint, being satisfied that the bill would be paid at maturity. The society, however, thought that the matter should, notwithstanding, be stated to the court. The solicitor attributed the non-payment of the amount in question to absolute want of means, and stated that he was now, and had been for some time, in bad health.

Mr. Cecil Atkinson, who appeared on behalf of the solicitor, who he said, attributed his failure to pay the sum to his leaving Rathkeale to take up the business of a solicitor who died in another

INTERESTING LAW SUIT.

CLARE ACTION FOR ASSAULT.

Upset by a Point of Law.